

Conversion of Exchanges into Electronics in Tamil Nadu

6317. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up more electronic telephone exchanges in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the total number of electronic and non-electronic exchanges at present in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the time by which non-electronic telephone exchanges are likely to be converted into electronics?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 1.3.1992, there were 346 electronic exchanges and 929 non-electronic exchanges in Tamil Nadu State.

(c) An exchange is normally replaced when it becomes life expired. In addition, in the draft 8th Plan proposals of Department of Telecom, it is proposed to replace all manual exchanges by March, 1994 and replace small size electromechanical exchanges (MAX-III and line finder type MAX-II) by end of 8th Plan. Conversion to electronic exchanges will, therefore, occur progressively.

Post and Telegraph in Tamil Nadu

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some norms have been laid down for setting up Post Offices and Telegraph Offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof, separately;

(c) whether under the existing criteria the Government propose to set up some more Post Offices and Telegraph Offices in Tamil Nadu during 1992;

(d) if so, the details thereof with names of places selected for the purpose and the tribal areas in particular; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The norms for opening of Post Offices are as per statement-I norms for opening of telegraph offices are as per statement-II

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is not feasible to indicate at this Stage the details of post offices which may be opened, subject to justification during the financial year 1992 as the target in this respect for the Annual Plan 1992-93 has not been finalised.

During the year 1992, it is proposed to upgrade three combined post and telegraph offices into independent telegraph offices at Gudiyatham, Vridhachalam and Attur.

Telegraph facility on phonocom basis is also proposed to be provided from 15 places indicated in statement-III.

(e) In view of reply to (d) above, the question arise.